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To whom it may concern:

I am personally expressing my opinion about the proposed final judgement in the US v. Microsoft antitrust case.

I find it incredible that anyone could consider it ethical, let alone legal, to allow a convicted criminal enterprise to have a hand in the setting of it's terms of punishment. That is exactly what we have here with the proposed final judgement. Microsoft has been allowed to manipulate the process so much that the judgement ends up allowing Microsoft to further it monopoly. Example: Microsoft alone shall be the judge of what constitutes a "legitimate business model" with regards to licensing of API documents.

There are numerous other "gaping holes" in the proposed judgement that others have expounded on. I am reiterating these concerns to you here. The proposed final judgement, if accepted in it's present form, will give Microsoft an unmitigated license to further it's monopoly and crush or otherwise harm it's competitors.

I hereby express my opposition to the proposed final judgement as currently negotiated between the DOJ and Microsoft.

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